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Ninety Six National Historic Site Ninety Six, South Carolina



Horseback Riding Regulations

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Parking

Horse trailers are allowed at the parking lot on the corner of SC 248 and Louden Road, and the Star Fort Pond parking lot. Parking is "first come, first serve" and trailers are to be parked in a safe and orderly manner. Please be considerate of others by spreading horse droppings before you leave. From November 1st until April 1st at Star Fort Pond parking, the gates are locked at 5:00pm. The rest of the year the gates are left open for fishing.

Where to Enter the Park

Horses may be ridden directly across SC Highway 248 and South along the highway right of way 1/10 mile to the Cherokee Path Entrance. Please be careful crossing Hwy 248. For now the horse trail veers off to the right of the Cherokee Path. This is the only part of the Cherokee Path that horses are allowed.

Behavior

Horses must be under control of the rider at all times. Owners are responsible for the behavior and actions of their horses while in the Park. Skittish or untrained horses are not permitted because of the danger they pose to visitors. Ride at you own risk. There is no expectation that all areas are safe for horses and riders. Please be considerate of others who use the Park and help us protect this vital resource. If at all possible, remove horse excrement to the woods or bush at least 20 feet off Park trails.

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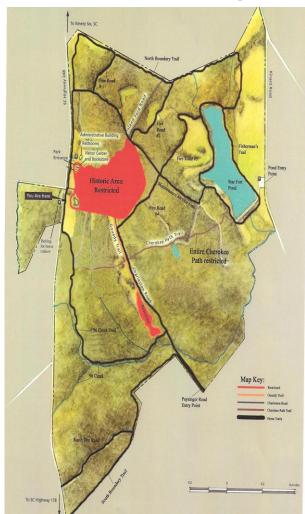


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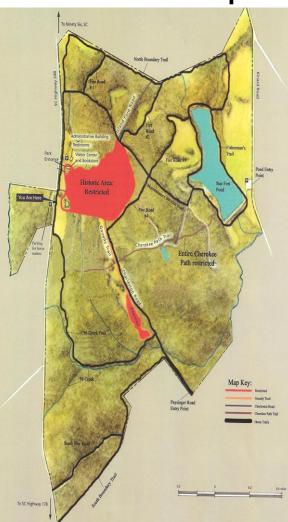


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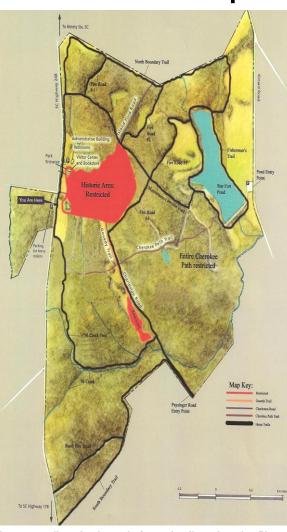
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